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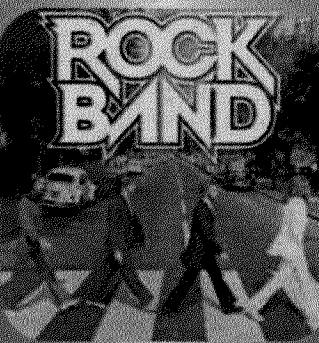
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ObamaCare nearing life-support

By KELSEY OLIVER

Contributor

On September 9th President Obama addressed a joint session of Congress in a call for bipartisan cooperation to fix the nation's healthcare system. The address itself was a push for the President's plan for a government-sponsored health insurance program that would directly compete with private insurance companies, and thus, if successful, would lower costs altogether.

Three key points the President chose to highlight during the speech were: under this plan more stability and security would be provided for those who already have healthcare, it will provide healthcare for those who currently are not insured, and it will slow the growth of healthcare costs for families, businesses, and the government altogether.

The speech also allowed Obama to offer a further detailed outline of the legislation thus far, and was met with more than a few moments of conservative disagreement. Most heavily publicized was Senator Joe Wilson's shout of "You lie!" when President Obama announced that his plan would not cover healthcare for those persons who are living in the U.S. illegally. Briefly after the speech, Wilson released a statement apologizing, stating that "I let my emotions get the best of me." He concluded his statement by affirming that he still disagreed with the President's claim on the coverage of illegal immigrants.

In the week following his outburst, Wilson was formally admonished in a resolution passed by the House and fellow conservatives continued to hold strong with their opposition towards the President's proposal. Republicans are firm in the belief that a public option is a dangerous choice for America

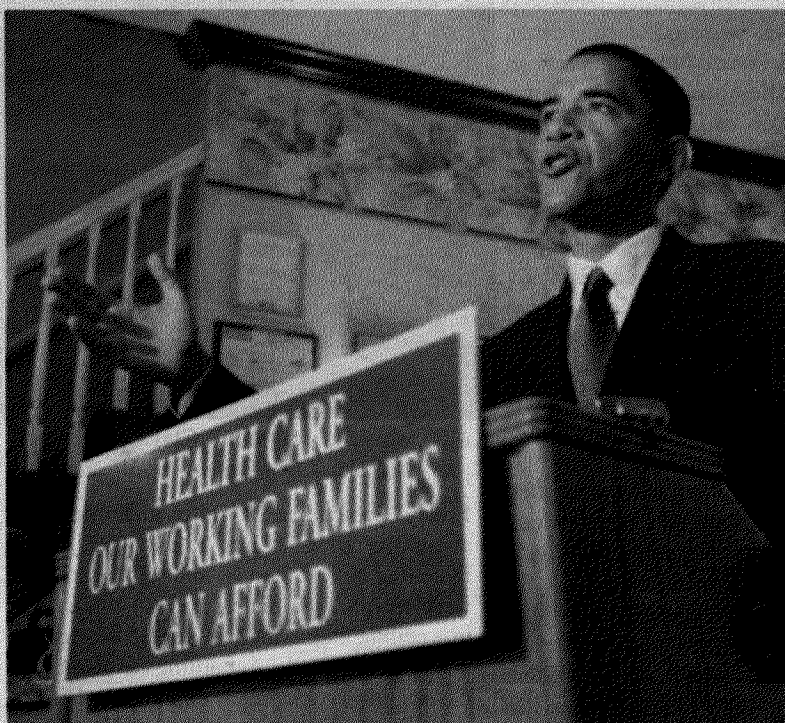


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because, if put into place, millions of U.S. citizens would lose their current healthcare plans (that they're content having) when their employers switch to a cheaper public option.

Since the September 9th speech that fact remained unchanged: 46 million Americans are still living without health insurance and another 14,000 more are losing their coverage every day. As incredibly pressing as this issue is, another fact of the matter to consider is the proposed cost of a plan including a public option. President Obama has stated that if the cost of health insurance was not brought under control, the control (or, if you will, lack thereof) of our national deficit would be at high risk as well - a deficit already currently marked at over a trillion dollars.

During the address, Obama announced

that the cost of healthcare under his plan was projected at 900 billion dollars over the next ten years. A blow that was attempted to be softened when the President pointed out that the government has spent more than that on the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Most recently, on September 14th, Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus (Democrat - Montana) has released an updated summary of the government's proposed plan. The plan differs in cost from

that of what Obama quoted on the 9th - this one is estimated at 856 billion over ten years, but still allots for every American to have coverage by 2013. Other points Baucus has made clear in the Monday reveal was that this proposal would not add to the federal budget, it would require individuals to obtain health coverage or pay an annual penalty depending on their income level (though some exemptions will be available), employers would not be required to offer health benefits to their employees, and undocumented immigrants would not be allowed to buy insurance plans.

Despite the raging complexity and disagreements surrounding the issue, President Obama remains optimistic and determined in the matter. Stating during a speech at the University of Maryland on the 17th, "We will get this done".

PA Budget Impasse Leaves Employees Unpaid

By SEAN KEARNEY

Contributor

One day, when sitting outside of a coffee shop I regularly go to, I noticed one of the regulars of the shop riding a motorcycle into the parking lot. This would not normally be strange, but it happened to be the middle of the afternoon on a weekday, a time when this particular patron should be working at the nearby prison. When I asked him why he was not at work, he looked up with an anxious look and said, "Well, I figured if I was not going to get paid for work, I might as well take a vacation." He went inside, bought a coffee, and then as he was strapping on his helmet he said, "I'm going riding, hopefully things will be better by the time I get back."

This is just one example of the thousands of state workers in Pennsylvania who have had to work without pay for weeks and even months. While Pennsylvania lawmakers discuss the highly contested budget, many Pennsylvania families have been forced to be patient and accept not having a steady income. Each state in the United States is supposed to pass a budget each year that will determine where each state's money goes. The deadline set to pass a budget in Pennsylvania is July 1st. Over 80 days later, the state of Pennsylvania is still without a budget.

So how could something like this happen?

Simply put, the state of Pennsylvania is broke. Because the state does not have the money to run efficiently, there are only two options: raising taxes or cutting funding towards certain state programs. The programs that have been included in rumors floating around the conversation have been social services, education, and health care. None of these are popular options and neither is raising taxes.

The good news is that it appears Pennsylvania lawmakers have drawn up a bill that would end the crisis officially pending a vote.

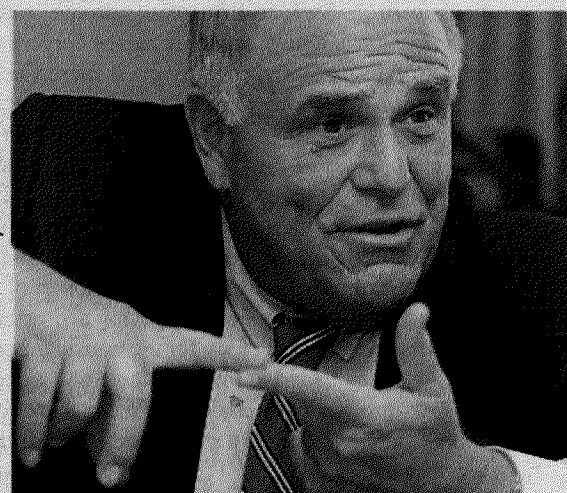
While this would clear up a lot of anxiety, regrouping from not having a budget it will be an arduous task in it of itself. Also, according to the Pocono Record, certain programs such as Children and Youth Services, Mental Health-Mental Retardation, the Drug and Alcohol

Commission and the Area Agency on Aging will have to endure permanent cuts in funding.

Monroe County Commissioners Chairwoman Suzanne McCool commented on the tentative budget to the Pocono review saying, "Something is going to suffer. People are going to suffer." House speaker Keith McCall himself described the bill as "not perfect."

So for now, it seems an imminent economic disaster has been evaded, but with many describing the bill as having "warts" and "wrinkles", it sounds like the state may have a long road of recovery ahead.

Note: As this issue went to press a budget was finally passed.



Pennsylvania Governor Ed Rendell

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NEWS/OP-ED

Yale murder mystery: Suspect apprehended

By AMANDA CARD
Contributor

Yale Graduate Student Annie Le suffered a tragic death last Sunday, September 13th. After missing for five days, Le was found in the wall of a lab building the day she was to be wed. Reports state that Le was strangled and badly bruised before being placed in the wall. Without hesitation, police ruled her fiancé out as a suspect in the investigation.

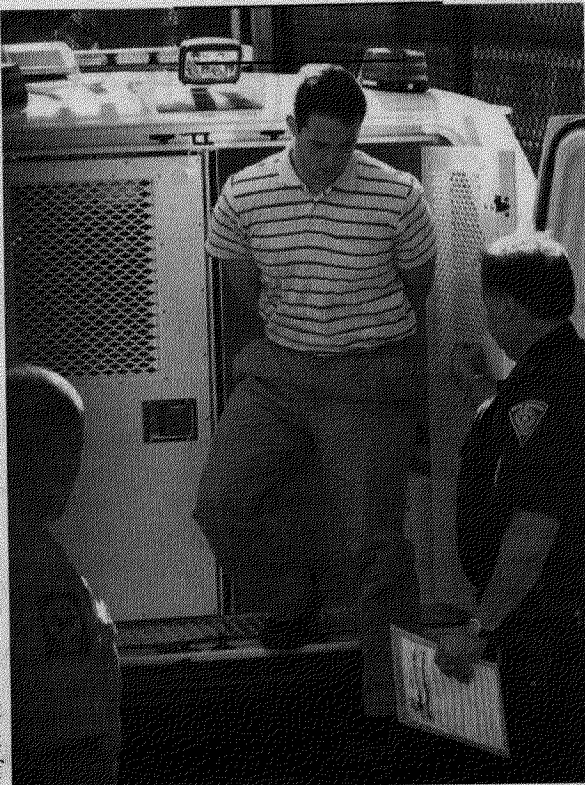
After reviewing surveillance feeds and recorded entrances via student ID cards, investigators took a heightened interest in Raymond Clark III. Although at first not a suspect, as a person of interest, Clark was arrested and brought into custody. His arrest deemed necessary as investigators considered clothing, fingerprints, and under-the-nail DNA evidence that needed preservation.

In a press conference aired on CNN September 15th, the Connecticut police chief assured the public that while Clark remained in custody, investigators were not solely focused on him. Lewis, the chief of police, noted that "investigators have collected about 150 pieces of evidence, reviewed about 700 hours of video and interviewed more than 150 people, some twice." Later when questioned specifically about Clark and his arrest, Lewis stated that the police were "waiting on forensics to confirm Clark as an official suspect- forensics could take three minutes to three hours." Either way, columnists and news anchors took this note as a nonchalant way of displaying the police's confidence in Clark's guilt.

In less than a day's time, a Connecticut judge issued a search warrant and body warrant of Raymond Clark III.

After concluding the DNA was a match between Clark and the evidence found at the scene, police charged Clark with Annie Le's murder and arrested him at a motel on Thursday, September 17th.

After his arrest, a news report dated



Raymond Clark III

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Friday, September 18, released information about the DNA police found. The DNA, including hair, fingernail and saliva samples, were reportedly a match to DNA discovered in a ceiling and in the wall recess where Le's body was found. According to Comcast news, the article also explained that an anonymous law enforcement official told The Hartford Courant that "Raymond Clark III tried to hide blood-spattered equipment and cleaned up areas Annie Le was in before she vanished Sept. 8."

While much of the public - certainly Le's family and fellow colleagues - yearn for a motive, investigators dodge questions regarding one. One investigator suggested that they do not need motive to convict Clark with the concrete forensic evidence.

Nevertheless, others continue to search for answers, and closure.

Police have ruled out the rumors of the said 'romantic relationship' between Le and Clark. Instead of a tragic result to a lover's quarrel, New Haven Police Chief James Lewis has called Le's death a case of workplace violence. CNN released an article that interviewed Le's classmates. From the interviews, one can draw the conclusion that Clark was quite unsatisfied with his job, and even more dissatisfied with how the students treated him and his labor. Clark was a Lab technician, working around medical students with promising futures. Students that worked in the lab with him said that Clark was easily angered over students' disregard for sanitation rules, but instead of requesting them to be more aware or follow the rules, he would explode in anger. ABC News reported that Clark sent a text message to Le on the day she vanished requesting a meeting to discuss the cleanliness of mouse cages in the research lab. This evidence could support a motive if in fact the prosecution seeks one.

Le wrote an article that was published by Yale earlier this semester. The article addressed student safety as she compares crime and safety at Yale with other Ivy League schools. In her article, she informed students of the crime risks in a university town. She also advised students to 'keep a minimum amount on you.' Investigators reported that when she was found, she had left her purse, credit cards, and cell phone in her office.

Even after taking all of the precautions and remaining aware of campus violence, Le still fell victim to a tragedy.

From the Editor's Desk...

To Our Faithful Audience,

Welcome back to yet another year at Arcadia. If you are a senior like me you are probably already running around like a crazy person trying to get more things done each day than 24 hours actually seems to allow. For those of you underclassmen, enjoy the leisure while you can!

Unfortunately, my first issue as Editor-in-Chief finds me very ill and it has been a bit of a struggle getting this issue to press. But despite all of the hurdles to overcome I would have to say that I am impressed with what I've seen already. As far as first issues go, I feel that everyone has really stepped up to the plate to make it successful.

We seem to have acquired a great staff this year. I am excited to work with everyone and see where we can take our publication. There is always room for improvement and I'm hoping this year will be used to build upon the successes that have been brought by our past editors.

Enjoy!

Sincerely,
Teresa Barone
Editor-in-Chief

THE BULLPEN

The Tower's weekly round-up of quirky, interesting and mildly relevant news.

Woman's tooth cures blindness

Nine years ago, an Australian woman by the name of Sharron Thornton contracted a rare condition known as Stevens-Johnson syndrome, caused by a reaction to a medication. It caused her hair and nails to fall out and eventually even caused her to go blind. After a long time of depression over her blindness she began to seek medical correction for it, though was not eligible for many of the procedures.

That's when she discovered a tooth-in-eye surgery called osteo-odonto keratoprosthesis. Surgeons removed one of her teeth and part of her jaw and made a hole in her eye for a prosthetic lens. But they weren't ready for the transplant quite yet. First, they had to implant the tooth and piece of her jaw into her chest and leave them there for a couple months so that the two pieces could grow together naturally.

After months of her tooth and jaw piece fusing together in her chest, Sharron was finally ready for surgery. The doctors implanted the tooth-jaw combination into her eye and performed a miracle. Sharron can now see out of one eye and couldn't be happier about it. She says that all she wants to do is look at things.

Strange as it is, apparently this procedure has been around since the 80s, though extremely uncommon in the United States.

-Teresa Barone

Mothers sign pact for statutory rape

Last weekend in Schenectady, NY police arrested 19-year-old Shawn German on charges of rape, sodomy, and child endangerment regardless of the pact signed by German's mother and that of his 13-year-old girlfriend's mother.

Both German's and his young girlfriend's mothers signed a pact agreeing that the two could date, despite the illegality of such a harsh age difference. The parents signed the pact in order to avoid legal problems in the event that the 13-year-old became pregnant, but police said it would take more than a pact to prevent charges against both mothers and 19-year-old German. Falling under the Statutory Rape Laws in New York that protect minors from having relationships with anyone older than eighteen, police have charged all parties involved and German remains in county jail with bail set at \$10,000.

The pact has sparked debate about the validity of such agreements and makes us all wonder just how irresponsible and ignorant some parents have become.

-Rachel Warner

Crazy Legs, the Cannoli King

20 and 1/2 cannolis eaten in 6 minutes; all it took was a man and a dream. 'Crazy Legs' Conti, well-known on the competitive eating circuit, took home the title of Cannoli King at the 8th annual Cannoli Eating Contest in New York's Little Italy. In the name of gluttony, 'Crazy Legs' happily took his crown at the Feast of San Gennaro. After chasing this title and never quite making the cut, Mr. Legs couldn't be more ecstatic about the new throne he inhabits, as he told AOL News, "This is the prize I've always wanted. You don't win any money. But the bragging rights mean everything." On his motivation for the win, the former bouncer and current purchasing director at New York's Penthouse Club said, "This is my Moby Dick. And I am either Ishmael or Ahab." This contest may have been an epic win for 'Crazy Legs' but as the next contest approaches, the King must watch out for the return of worthy adversary, Tim "Eater X" Janus, who took home the prize last year with 26 cannolis, but was out this year citing recent surgery.

-Jenn Pacheco



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NEWS/OP-ED

Kidnapped victim saved nearly two decades later

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In 1991 eleven-year-old Jaycee Dugard was kidnapped while waiting for the school bus. Late last month she was discovered alive, living in the backyard of Phillip Garrido. It is believed that Garrido held her captive for 18 years, using her as a sex slave and fathering two daughters with her.

Almost everyone has heard some detail of this by now. It's a bizarre and strange case. At the center of it all is Garrido, a man who manages to be disturbing even among rapists.

Since 2007 Garrido has sporadically kept a blog at voicesrevealed.blogspot.com. This rambling blog displays a twisted kind of religious fanaticism and gives the impression of a schizophrenic writer.

Shortly after Garrido's arrest the TV station KCRA3 secured a telephone interview with him that gives a disturbing view into how he sees his victims.

"You're going to find the most powerful story coming from the witness, from the victim," Garrido told the station. At another point he said, "There's a powerful, heartwarming story." It's hard to say what's worse: that he sees something heartwarming in all this, or that he sees Dugard as his witness.

Perhaps the worst part of all this is that



Jaycee Dugard's residence for 18 years
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this isn't the first time Garrido's been arrested for rape. In 1976 he was arrested for and later convicted of the rape of Katherine Callaway, who was then 25. He was sentenced to 50 years, but was somehow paroled after only 11.

Clifford Conrad, the Reno Police officer who arrested Garrido in '76 gave an interview to the New York Daily News wherein he describes the arrest.

In the early hours of the morning

Conrad's patrol took him by some storage units. Spotting lights on under the door of one unit, so he knocked. A shirtless Garrido appeared. Then, from somewhere within the unit, Callaway shouted and

ran out, naked and screaming for help.

Garrido calmly told Conrad that they were having consensual sex.

Whatever Garrido can at times convince himself about his relationship with his victims, it's clear that on some level he knows exactly what is going on. During the 1976 investigation he admitted to a detective that he could only get sexual satisfaction through rape.

Maybe this time they'll keep him behind bars. It's hard to see this guy getting past a parole board twice.

Philly Free Libraries face closure

By **MICHAEL FEENEY**
Staff Writer

It has been reported for weeks that the Free Library of Philadelphia would be closing its branches throughout the city by Oct. 2 if the state Legislature did not act on the city's budget request.

Through an online notice, the Library urged its customers to contact their elected officials and provided links on how to do so.

Over 2,000 letters were sent to state legislators. It seems to have worked, for now. As of Thursday, Sept. 17, it was announced that the Pennsylvania State senate passed bill 1828 by a vote of 32 to 17. The passing of this bill also allows Philadelphia to avoid the layoff of 3,000 city workers.

Besides library users not being able to access its sources, had the closing occurred, multiple services would have been negatively impacted. Library programs would have been canceled, and all GED and ESL programs would have been discontinued.

A discussion with Kevin: NFL treatment on trial

By **KEVIN LANGNER**
Staff Writer

In the past, football players have been associated with different types of names. Most names consist of positive feedback from the people. But for the past ten years, there have been increases in which football players, not just NFL players, have gotten into trouble with the law. It all started with once great running back OJ Simpson. Since then, there have been numerous occasions in which football players, both professional and college, have gotten into trouble with the authorities, whether it be concerning drug abuse, drinking and driving, or involvement with guns.

Two football players that have been in trouble with the government as of late have been Michael Vick and Donte Stallworth. Michael Vick, quarterback, was one of the top players in the NFL. He had everything, whether it would be money, cars, top selling jerseys, style of shoes, even an appearance on a videogame cover. During one season of his career, he rushed for over 1,000 yards for the year, setting a record for quarterbacks rushing the football in a single season (which is unheard of, considering quarterbacks are mainly passers and nothing else). But on April 25th, 2007, Michael Vick was arrested and charged for numerous counts of illegal dog fighting and numerous killings of dogs. He was sentenced to a two year prison sentence, in which recently he was released, reinstated, and signed with the Eagles, ending years of speculation about whether the disgraced quarterback would ever make it back into the NFL after his convictions.

This news comes on the same day that another infamous football star, Donte Stallworth was suspended for killing a Miami man while driving drunk. On March 16th, 2009 Donte Stallworth was charged with a DUI and manslaughter, heavy drinking and running over a walking pedestrian while driving intoxicated late that night. During his latest court hearing, he has been sentenced to thirty days in prison (6 of which he has served before court hearing), two years of house arrest,

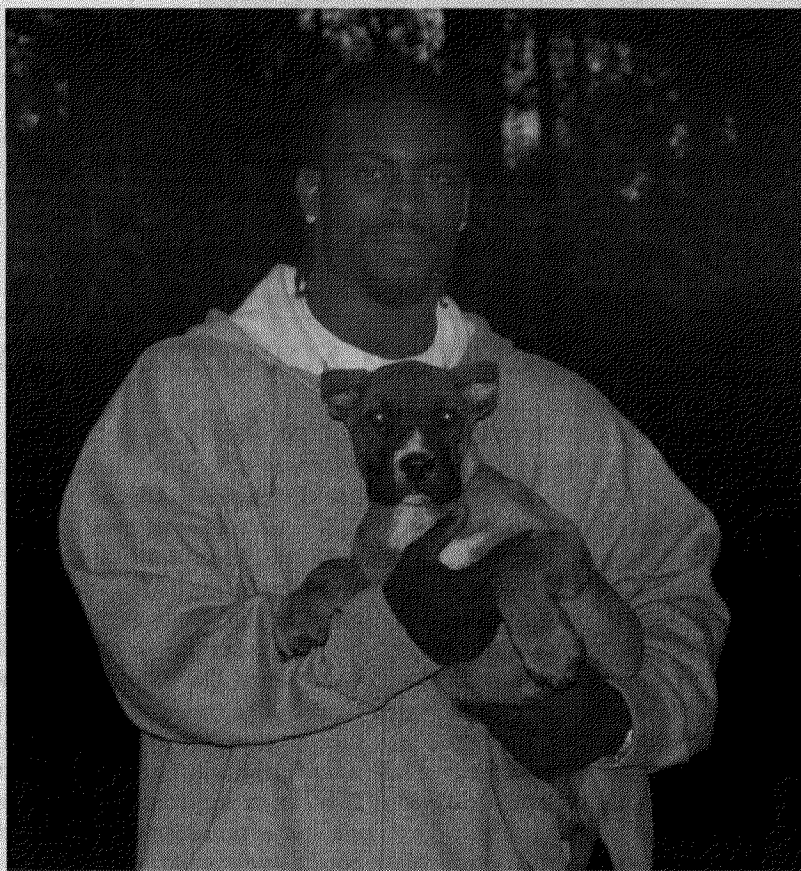


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ten years of probation, lifetime ban of driving, and over 1,000 hours of community service. During that time, as well, he came to a behind the scenes agreement with the victims' family on a settlement for the loss.

When we look at the two cases side by side, it is easy to see the perversity of both the NFL and the justice system. By most yardsticks, Stallworth's crime was much more serious than Vick's. Stallworth killed a man. Vick's crime, while certainly abhorrent under most definitions, didn't come close. Vick spent more time in prison. A lot more. Vick's suspension from the NFL was longer (although he was behind bars for most of it anyways). This tale of two prominent athletes speaks volumes about the disparity in the justice system.

While we may never fully reconcile the lenient sentence that Stallworth received with the total fall from grace that Vick

experienced for a lesser crime, one can always have hope that both men will go on to lead productive lives and prove that there can be life and success after the criminal justice system. And redemption too.

Personally, to put it simply, Michael Vick got the worst of the sentences clearly. The main reason is that for

Stallworth killed a human being and Michael Vick beat and killed dogs. But, sorry for those of you who love dogs, they are not human. I think it is a little bit more of a big deal than killing dogs. Someone who kills someone else should get a harsher penalty than thirty days. Vick wasn't even the only one participating in dog fighting. He was part of a group that was. I think Stallworth got the lucky end of our flawed "justice" system. I do not care if it is an accident. Even if he was intoxicated, that is his fault in the first place. We learn when we are younger to never drink and drive. It is a simple fact of life. So that leads to the question of how can someone get only thirty days in prison for killing someone? Answer me that anyone who is reading this. If you ever find an answer, come talk to me.

Obama visits Philly

By **MICHAEL FEENEY**
Staff Writer

When Air Force One landed in Philadelphia Monday, Sept. 14, President Obama and Republican turned Democrat Senator Arlen Specter emerged from the cabin simultaneously, arms around each other's shoulders, waving and smiling for the cameras.

Obama attended a fund-raiser for Specter in order to raise nearly \$2.5 million for Specter's reelection campaign against Democrat Rep. Joe Sestak. "I'm going to need all of you to redouble your efforts in the months to come to fight for Arlen, because he's fighting for you, and he's fighting for what's right," Obama said to the crowd at a private dinner at the Convention Center. To gain admittance, guests had to donate \$10,000 or raise \$50,000 from others.

Prior to the dinner, about 500 donors attended a general reception elsewhere in the Convention Center, to which tickets cost \$2,400. Obama spoke to that gathering, too, praising Specter as a "tough son of a gun."

Specter was invited to the White House in April, the morning after the longtime Republican switched parties to avoid defeat in the 2010 GOP primary, and Obama promised to do whatever it took to help Specter win reelection.

The president intends to help incumbent Democratic senators win in next year's midterm elections and has expressed preferences in other intramural Democratic fights, notably Senate races in Colorado and New York.

Specter has emerged as a staunch defender of a government-run health-care plan to compete with private insurers, after earlier opposing it. Specter's vote is urgently needed this year on health care legislation, whose passage is "not going to be easy," said Obama.

STUDENT LIFE

The Honduras Experience

By **MARYKATE TORLEY**
Contributor



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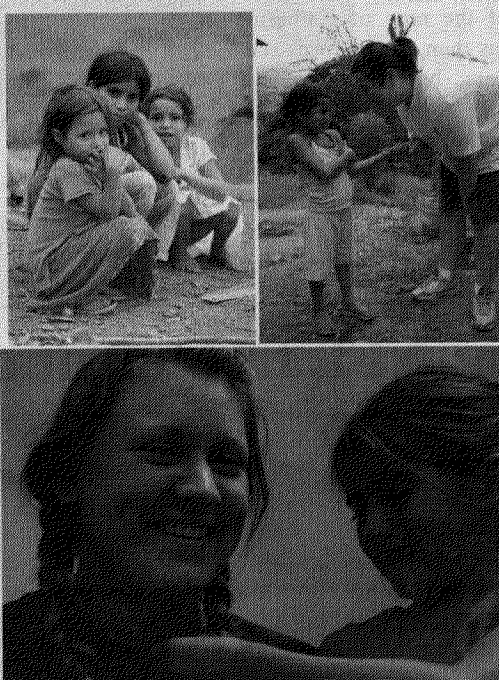
When 20 students, myself included, signed up for Alan Powell's "Honduras Experience" class last spring semester, I don't think any of us knew what we were really getting ourselves into. We were told that we would be flying into Honduras from May 16 to the 24, and we would be building latrines and non-chemical water filters for remote villages close to San Pedro Sula, the second largest city in Honduras. As the semester passed, we learned how to build a latrine and filter behind the art studios, and though we felt more and more comfortable with the tools and bathroom parts, I knew that, personally, I was getting nervous as May was coming closer and closer.

After a harrowing journey (which included cancelled and delayed flights as well as swine flu checks), we finally arrived in Honduras. On our first full day, our group took 6 trucks out to the village we would be working in to meet and greet the villagers. They welcomed us with open arms, and we were all introduced to and made introductions to the families we would be working for. We left that day to go home and rest for what would be a very busy week.

On Monday we woke up, drove to the village, and began our work. Our class broke up into groups of 4 or 5, and a normal day would begin by mixing sand, water and mud to make a cement to fill in the cracks of blocks, which would become the outhouse. After layering 9 blocks of cement to make 3 walls, a strong tin door and roof would be attached, and the toilet and draining system built into the outhouse. Each group usually was able to build one latrine a day, and by the end of the week we had built over 30 latrines all together, exceeding even Alan's expectations.

Though seeing how much work we did was satisfying, the best part of all was presenting the families we were helping with a new latrine. Having previously used the forests and streams as bathrooms, they now had a private place to use, one that was sanitary and would help keep them safe and healthy. It was amazing to see how thrilled they were to have something we all take for granted, and I was touched by how grateful they were. All of us students were blessed several times by the local villagers, and we were called God's angels.

The people that we met and helped were what made the trip most special to me. Whether it was an older woman giving us fresh coffee in the morning, or some of the local men helping us with tools, or even if it was the little kids grabbing our hands to show us some plant or bug they found, I realized that THAT was the purpose of the trip. To connect with others and do our best to help where we could. Fellow student Teresa Barone said it best with "What is most important is to help others, because you end up learning more about yourself along the way". And learn about myself, I did. I realized that it is so important to help where and when you can, because the reward of helping is more satisfying than any other in the world.



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Swine flu and you

By **JARED GREENE**
Contributor

The H1N1 Flu, more popularly known as the Swine Flu, quickly became the big fear factor of 2009 within the media, but how much of an issue is it really? How many people actually die from the Swine Flu? Reports of people and students with the H1N1 regularly come up in the media, but what makes it so much worse than having the regular flu? And what everyone really wants to know is how likely are you to catch the H1N1?

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention reported that 41% of all deaths by the Swine Flu was in ages 25-49, and a smaller 16% for those in the ages 5-24. So of all the people that have died from the Swine Flu, the typical college student has little to worry about dying from it. The CDC stated "This is a very different pattern from what is seen in seasonal influenza, where an estimated 90% of influenza-related deaths occur in people 65 years of age and older." On the flip side though, the amount of hospitalizations is reversed, with 4.5 per 100,000 in the age groups 0-4, 2.1 for age groups 5-24, and 1.1 for age groups 25-49. However, according to HealthDay News, the vaccine will be shipped out in early October, and will be administered in the form of a nasal spray. If you start to feel ill, chances are you don't have the Swine Flu, but just to be safe, you should stay away from people and sanitize everything you touch that someone else may touch. If you are feeling ill, the symptoms of the Swine Flu described by the CDC are as follows: fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills, fatigue, diarrhea and vomiting.

It would seem that many campuses across the country are over reacting a bit and adding to the fear of the H1N1, but it's better to be safe than sorry in some instances. It seems a little overdone though, considering people die from other types of influenza without any media coverage. It appears that the Swine Flu is just another media hype, but that's just this writer's opinion. If you're feeling ill though, make sure you stay away from people, no one wants to be sick too.

Planned soccer field, no more?

By **CANDACE POWERS**
Contributor

As returning students may have noticed, there is a new feature on Arcadia's campus this year: a brand new athletic field along the edge of Easton Road. The main reason for the construction of the new field is that the Kuch Center field is three yards too thin to be regulation size. Some students seem to be under the impression that the new field was built strictly for soccer use only. That was the first of the many rumors that Shirley Liddle, Arcadia University's Athletic Director, debunked when I went to speak with her. "Oh, no, no," she said, "It's a new athletic field. For all sports, not just soccer." Indeed, it would be silly to install such a large playing field for use by just two sports teams.

Unfortunately, no one will be using the new field for more than running or practice for the next two years. The field was built using fill from the highway 309 project, hence the sharp drop off on one side. Over the next two years, the fill will settle and eventually the field will be at the same level as the castle parking lot. After the field has lowered that same parking lot will disappear in order to make space for spectators, locker rooms, storage, and bathrooms. At least, those are some of the things on Liddle's wish list.

At the top of that list, however, is

turf. "If we turf the field all sports would be able to use it without me having ten heart attacks about the field getting dug up," Liddle explains, "Lacrosse, especially, is tough on the Kuch Center field." And once the field is useable and turfed, what will become of Kuch Field? Well, when the front of the Kuch Center is extended to sit flush with the front of the Hospitality Suite, Kuch Field will be used as a construction zone. After that, the plans are sort of up in the air. In all likelihood, Kuch Field will remain as green space, open for student use as a quad.

Since the new field is so far to one side of the campus, rather than central as Kuch Field is, Liddle's wish list will almost have to be obliged. The new field would be almost useless without these facilities, as equipment would have to be lugged up and down from the Kuch Center and spectators would be required to march up and down from the castle in order to use the restroom. These spectators would be few and far between as well if no new space is created for them to occupy.

The immediate problem with the new field has been remedied, at least for the time being: netting has been installed over the four foot chain-link fence in order to keep balls from flying out into Easton Road. Eventually, all forty feet of the fence will be chain-link, something the town of

Glenside is none too pleased about. "It's ugly," Liddle told me bluntly. The plan is to plant trees along the edge of the sidewalk in order to make the situation more aesthetically pleasing. Currently, Arcadia is reluctant to install such a fence, mostly because of the cost. There is one other stumbling block, however. Technically, Arcadia University does not hold the deeds to two of the plots of land on which the new one hundred and twenty by eighty foot field sits. One hundred and twenty by eighty is the upper end of the correct range of size for a soccer field, for students who claimed the dimensions were incorrect. These plots have been empty for upwards of ninety years and Arcadia has the right of eminent domain, but until the university holds the legal documents saying they own the land, any more improvements have been put on hold. Once those deeds have been obtained, the fence will go up and trees will be planted.

Students, especially those on sports teams, may be disappointed to learn the field won't be used for actual games for another few years. Installing a new playing field is a process, however, and Arcadia University has made steps in the right direction, especially since, currently, we are woefully short on playing space.

PERSONAL ATTENTION

"They cheered me on!"

Kate Whitlock '07 conquered Rome—Coliseum and all—in a day. "From translating the entry form, to sending money orders, I couldn't have asked for more accommodating people. Arcadia's coordinator in Rome even let me stay with her family the weekend of the marathon."

Kate Whitlock is living the Arcadia Promise. Go to MyArcadia to submit your story.

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STUDENT LIFE

Sense of security, proved false after all



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By **BRANDON HAZE**
Contributor

I would have liked this article to have been printed before our first Public Safety Alert this semester. Unfortunately, one was just released concerning two separate incidents this past weekend.

According to this public safety announcement, one male student was attacked and robbed by 4 black male assailants on Friday, September 18th, and the same happened to another on the following night, Saturday, September 19th. Both incidents took place right outside the Hess gas station and the post office right on Easton Road.

We would all like to feel safe on Arcadia's property and feel that the surrounding area is a safe one. But in reality, we have to be just as wary about our safety as we are at home or anywhere else.

Having a safe campus doesn't just happen. It takes cooperation, awareness and simple safe habits on the part of all of us as individuals. We are only as safe as we make ourselves.

Last year, two major incidents that

took place Fall Semester caused public safety to post a notice in the residence halls and apartments. An incident very similar to those of this past weekend took place at the same Hess gas station when, according to public safety reports, two male Oak Summit residents were accosted by four other males around midnight on October 2nd.

The second incident took place right inside Oak Summit near the main entrance when a resident was held up by two males at knifepoint and robbed of \$200.

Less severe incidents reported to public safety consisted of 37 incidents last semester in Spring 2009, including 12 reported thefts, and 5 reported burglaries (where the perpetrator was in the room without the student's knowledge).

We all want to have fun while we're here. We want to be able to take a train into Center City or a bus to Keswick and have our expenses be our only worry. But these two recent incidents should make it clear that we all have to keep ourselves and our campus safe.

The following safety tips were taken from the Public Safety Alert regarding the

recent incidents:

- Please try not to walk alone especially at night.
- Be aware of your surroundings and walk in well-lit areas.
- Walk confidently, directly and at a steady pace; do not talk to strangers.
- If you have to walk in the street, walk toward traffic.
- Use your cell phone as you walk even if you are not speaking with someone; it gives the impression you can call for help.
- PLEASE NOTIFY PUBLIC SAFETY OF ALL INCIDENTS OR SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOR AT 2999. (From non-University phone, call 215 572 2999).

Again, incidents like this don't always happen entirely off campus. It never hurts to take a few extra precautions even in your own dorms:

- Even if you know everyone in your residence hall, leave your door closed when no one's in the room and lock it when you leave your hall
- Again, avoid walking around alone at night even from the library. Call Public Safety for escort service: it's what they're

there for

· If you're entering your building and someone unfamiliar is waiting outside and follows you in, call Public Safety and ask them to check where you came in, especially if you live in Oak Summit. People forget their IDs all the time, but still, all it takes is a book bag to pass as a student.

· Just be aware of your surroundings.

If you're out at night, keep your eyes up, walk briskly, and be aware of the distance between you and the people around you. If you feel unsafe, make sure you have a phone ready to call for help

Just taking these little extra precautions will not only help keep you safe, but they will make our entire campus a safer and more pleasant place to live. The increased presence of the local police and of Public Safety will help prevent incidents like this from happening again.

Whether or not we're completely satisfied with our rooms and apartments, for the time being this is where we live. This is our campus, our neighborhood, and our home. We must practice safety to protect ourselves and our friends. Arcadia can only be as safe as we help make it.



Fiction + Factice at Arcadia

By **JARED GREENE**
Contributor

After a short introduction by Arcadia Gallery director Richard Torchia, the lights were turned off and the slideshow of Dennis Kuronen's work initiated, titled "Fictions + Factice". The theater was packed with little room, even for the people standing in the back. With his own narration for each slide, Kuronen described what some pieces are, how they were made, and what they mean to him.

The first works he displayed were mused by his birth place of the Western U.S., consisting of mostly landscapes from the country side of Kansas. The slides consisted of a variety of media, including 3D sculptures, some of which are 3D geometrical patterns like one placed near the Philadelphia International airport, mixed media, oil pastels, and high contrast drawings, most in an ambiguous or abstract style. After these original pieces, the subject matter moved to his digital media, which consists of alterations of famous paintings, such as by the baroque painter Johannes Vermeer, and other original digital media; most with a heavy focus on pixelation and large blockish closeups.

Kuronen stated that the way a picture is made is by the way it's revealed, and that's certainly shown by his focus on negative space and presentation. When asked by Royce Howes after the slide show what he thinks of the meaning of art, he stated "It's how they're seen rather than what they mean," again, putting emphasis on the presentation of his work that defines

meaning. When asked how his art deals with social boundaries, Kuronen comically answered "I never stepped over the line, but I have chalk on my feet." After the conversation between Howes and Kuronen, a Q and A session began, and the evening ended with a relocation to the gallery to see his work and to grab some snacks in the Spruance center.



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ENTERTAINMENT

Kayne West opens up, voices feelings to Taylor

By NATASHA WETTEN
Contributor

Last Sunday the Video Music Awards (VMAs) of 2009 aired on MTV, live from New York City. Since their first show in 1984, the VMAs have a reputation for shocking performances, crazy fashion and huge celebrity turn outs. This year the awards show was nothing short of entertaining.

A spectacular tribute to Michael Jackson started off the show with an appearance by his sister, Janet.

Following the tribute, the first award was announced, which was for "The Best Female Video." Taylor Swift beat out the other girls, who included Beyonce, Lady GaGa, Pink, Kelly Clarkson, and Katy Perry, with her video to "You Belong with Me."

In the middle of her acceptance speech, Kanye West jumped on stage and took Taylor's microphone. He proceeded to tell the audience that "Beyonce had one of the best videos of all time." After saying that one more time

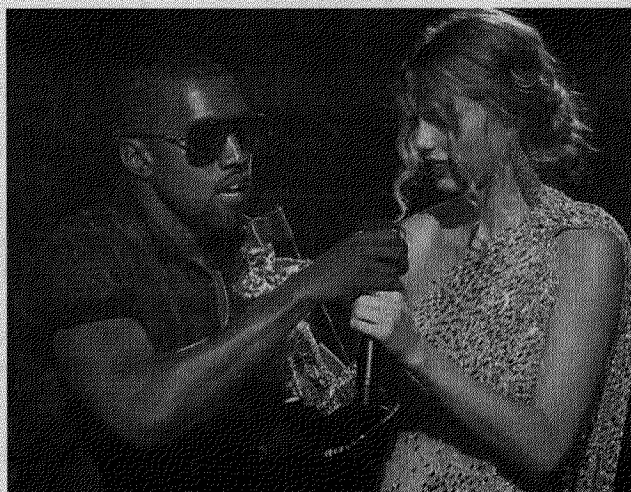


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he gave the microphone back to a very fragile looking Swift and sat back down. Swift said a quiet "thank you" and exited the stage.

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Later in the show Beyonce won "The Best Video of the Year" for "Single Ladies." She invited Taylor on stage during her acceptance speech, saying "I remember my first VMA when I was 17...it was one of the most exciting moments of my life." Taylor finished the thank yous she had started during her award.

Aside from that incident, Beyonce and Taylor both had knock-out performances during the show, along with Pink, Jay-Z, and many others. One of which was Lady GaGa, who may have had the biggest show stopper of the night with her risky performance of "Paparazzi." At the end, GaGa dangled over the stage with her hand tied to a noose. Fake blood covered her torso, representing what she portrays in her music video for the song: the consequence of fame.

This year's show was one of the best VMAs yet. It was exciting, interesting and, above all, full of surprises!

Reviews

CD Review: *Muse*

By KATIE REILEY
Contributor

Muse's newest album, *The Resistance*, was a highly anticipated buy for me this fall. I fell in love with Muse through *Absolution*, which is still one of my favorite CDs. *Black Holes and Revelations* was less impressive to me and I was slightly disappointed as Muse traded their intricate piano crescendos for synthesized beats, but *Black Holes* was listenable. I don't think I can say as much for *The Resistance*.

This new CD is partly disappointing. The first single, 'Uprising', was exciting to me the first time I heard it and I was able to move and jive in my seat when I heard it on the radio. But after a few more listens, the song's shine wore off. It became repetitive and slightly dull, though I still held high hopes for the entire album. I am frustrated to say that 'Uprising' might be one of the best songs on the entire album. The title track, 'Resistance', is catchy and could be worth something if the lyrics were better written. As is, its rhythm is not enough to help cover the language's lacking. The third track, 'Undisclosed Desires', is the best track on the CD. It reminds me of the old *Absolution* Muse when their music could entrance and stun the listeners. It brings out the deep tones of Matt Bellamy's voice, making the tone seductive and attractive. If the rest of the album could follow this track's lead, it would have been a success.

Unfortunately, the rest of the album's tracks sound very similar: repetitive, dull and boring. I had heard great things about 'United States of Eurasia', but it, along with 'Guiding Star' are lackluster even by slow-moving song standards. 'Unnatural Selection' is a well-put together song, a true relief after two disappointing songs. It reminds me of Muse's previous hits 'Hysteria' and 'Assassin' and could easily be a success as a single. 'MK Ultra' is full of the synthetic sound that made Muse begin its downhill fall in the first place. 'I Belong To You' starts out very well and the first 2 minutes are worth a listener's time. The crooning of French poetry which follows is beautiful at first, then becomes just as dull and lengthy as 'Guiding Star' only a few tracks ago. The track picks up again, but not fast enough to make it shine.

The end, a 'three part symphony' which I expected to be epic, ended up falling flat. The 'Exogenesis' was a beautiful attempt at making *The Resistance* Muse's masterpiece, and I think it succeeded in a few places (especially during Part 2), but *The Resistance* needed more than an entire symphony to save itself. There were a few good tracks, ones I would listen to again, but *The Resistance* was not powerful enough for me.

Game Review: *Beatles Rockband*

By CRAIG FORSYTHE
Contributor

Presentation over game play is the mentality Harmonix used in creating their latest video game *The Beatles: Rock Band*. Instead of focusing on making difficult fills and crazy guitar solos as seen in games past, the creators of *Rock Band* decided to focus their energy on creating the atmosphere that surrounded *The Beatles* on their road to musical immortality.

Although it is considered the least challenging *Rock Band* game to date, the variety of dreamscapes, option of story mode, and unique charting of instruments through the guitar peripheral make this game intriguing. The dreamscapes are directly created off of the ideas of Yoko Ono, Paul McCartney, and Ringo Starr as they fully explained the vision of their songs to Harmonix themselves. Compared to other versions of *Rock Band* which show the same band on stage playing every song, the dreamscapes individualize each song to make

them an experience among their own. Story mode allows you to witness the transformation of the band from the Cavern Club debut to their concluding *Roof Top* concert. Harmonix also decided to chart violins, trumpets, keyboards, and mandolins in certain songs to further enhance *The Beatles* experience.

In addition to the enhanced presentation, *The Beatles: Rock Band* offers *Beatle's Beats*. *Beatle's Beats* is a feature added to the game where players can practice Ringo's trademark beats which include techniques such as paradiddles, 5 and 7-stroke rolls, polyrhythms, flam taps, drags, and overall basic concept of rhythm.

The Beatles: Rock Band exceeded the usual budget needed to create similar games. The songs used were expensive due to the licensing of *The Beatles* songs. The expensive songs limited the game to only 45 hits from *The Beatles*.

If you're a fan of *Rock Band* or a fan of *The Beatles* you will truly enjoy this game.

Movie Review: 9

By KATIE REILEY
Contributor

When I first saw the trailer for 9, I fell in love with it immediately. I loved everything about it; from the rag-doll main characters to the Coheed and Cambria song chosen for the backdrop music. I hadn't seen a trailer this good since *Watchmen* and it got me excited. The preview showed a post-apocalyptic world whose only inhabitants are nine rag-dolls and giant machines. According to the narrator, these dolls are here to save the world by ensuring life continues on after human extinction, which was brought about by an army of machines. After seeing the trailer, I snagged a poster from work right away, hung it on my apartment's living room wall and anxiously awaited its release. When it finally opened last Wednesday, I dragged my boyfriend to go see it, giggling like a schoolgirl all the way to my seat. I was still keyed up as the previews ended and the movie started. And by the time the end credits rolled, I felt satisfied.

Visually, 9 delivers a serious blow. The animation itself is smooth and life-like, even while depicting a post-apocalyptic world. The style is chilling, but in a great way. The rag dolls who make up the main cast of heroes are creepy in and of themselves, especially placed in the broken down warehouses, palaces and cathedrals that make up 9's environment. Yet, they seem lovable compared to the giant mechanical monsters that are the antagonists of the story. As an audience member, you find yourself gasping and wincing as the tiny doll main character, 9 (voiced by Elijah Wood), weaves his way through the giant landscape in between the claws of an evil machine ten times his size.

A seemingly small detail about the movie both shocked and impressed me. Strewn throughout the devastated city these characters are trying to survive in are the remains of the human inhabitants that once populated the world. In the first scene of the movie, the main character, 9, wakes up in a small room and one of the first things he sees is the body of a human scientist lying sprawled out on the floor. In 9's first walk around the city, he sees a car on the side of the road with a mother and child laying in the front seat, unmoving and devastatingly unsettling. They are small additions to the overall tone, but the bodies take the movie to a level a lot of animators are afraid to go. Too often widely-released animated films are dismissed as movies made primarily for children; 9 is an exception to this rule. The movie is not necessarily not for children (it's not a horror film by any standards), but it's easily enjoyed and appreciated by adults which is something that helps 9 stand out.

One thing that did disappoint me about

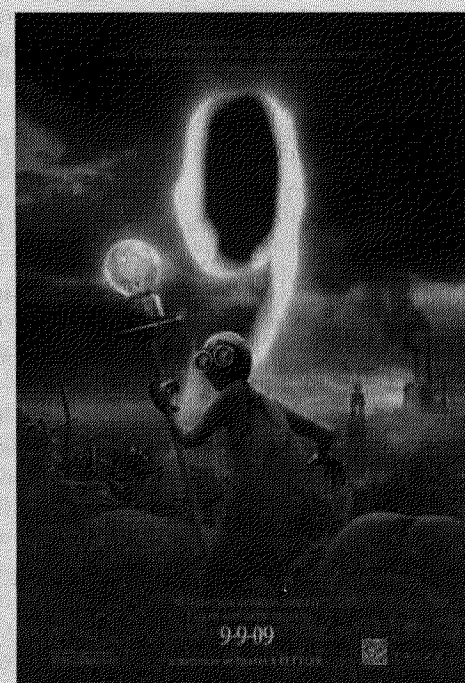


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the movie as a whole was how rushed the ending seemed. The movie moved so quickly, with more scenes devoted to action than progressing the story, and the end seemed to come very quickly. The movie isn't very long (only 79 minutes), which isn't surprising as the movie was originally meant as a short film. Producer Tim Burton urged director Shane Acker to convert the short film into a full-length feature and he did. The story was lengthened and deepened while additional fight scenes were added, but I think the end of the story itself could have used a bit more work before release. While watching, the animation and characters have you so entranced you don't notice, but looking back, the ending seems somewhat cliché and amateur. With all the extraordinary aspects to 9, it deserved something deeper for a conclusion.

In some ways, 9 was another end-of-summer movie. It had plenty of action and suspense, keeping me on the edge of my seat, hoping and praying that each numbered rag doll would make it through the next scene alive. Faced with the lackluster conclusion, one might write this off as another action-oriented, mind-numbing summer film. But overall, I think 9 is more than that. The film was visually stunning and made in a truly original style. It challenged the animation genre's supposed age limit and made itself appealing to adults. Its story was lacking, but I believe the film made up for that short-coming in many other ways.

ENTERTAINMENT

Summer comeback concerts: blasts from our pasts

By **KEVIN LANGNER**
Contributor

While all of us were studying hard at college, many of our old favorite bands were planning a comeback tour in the Summer of 2009. Notable bands included Third Eye Blind, No Doubt, and most popular, Blink 182. At the annual Grammy Awards on May 1st, No Doubt broke their five-year hiatus and performed without losing a step. In the same night, Blink 182 came to the podium to present an award and ended up announcing, ever so cleverly, the news of them getting back together. The reuniting of these three bands meant that the Summer of 2009 was going to be an unforgettable one for music. Unlike Blink and No Doubt, Third Eye Blind announced that they would be having a free concert in Philadelphia in July to end their own hiatus. Their concert might not have had the hype and anticipation as Blink 182 and No Doubt, but the concert itself was by far better than most expected. The old favorites were played and it was as if everyone were the biggest Third Eye Blind fans. No Doubt set out on their reunion tour on May 2nd at the annual Bamboozle Festival in East Rutherford, New Jersey. Blink 182, embarked on their reunion tour on May 16th, in Pomona, California. Tickets were being sold out for these tours left and right, and personally, I was barely able to get tickets to these two shows. For a typical college student, these tickets might seem to be too expensive, but how can anyone pass up the opportunity to go see No Doubt and Blink 182 in concert. On June 11th, I was able to see No Doubt live at the Susquehanna Bank Center in Philadelphia. "This concert finally let me say that this summer was awesome," says a No Doubt

fan. Gwen Stefani had an amazing stage presence, in which interacted the fans to the point of complete chaos and pandemonium. It was as though No Doubt had not skipped a beat and just got completely better than before. Fans kept on their feet from beginning to end, including myself, and No Doubt jumped and screamed their way up and down the stage and back into our lives. No Doubt will reportedly release a new album in the near future, which will complete their comeback.

As for Blink 182, which was one of the biggest and most anticipated concerts in the past decade. Words can not exactly describe the popularity and anxiousness of the Blink fans wanting to see them live again. As a result, the ticket sales speak for themselves, selling out all shows spreading all across the United States, including Canada. The tour is currently still going on and I must say that this was the best concert that I have ever been able to attend. I attended the show in Camden, New Jersey, on August 27th, which is not the safest place to have it, but it was lit up by the explosiveness of Blink 182. From the beginning to the end of the show, Blink 182 captured the hearts of all and the voices of all, or the lack thereof afterwards. They opened the show with four straight songs, with electrifying lights and fantastic stage presence. As Blink blew through the night, bringing back great memories and new and exciting fun, it finally came to an end. Many fans around wanted more, but walked out of the stadium completely lost of words and with giant smiles on their faces. It was without a doubt an unforgettable and perfect night and also an incredible way to end a summer.

Elton John denied adoption

By **CANDACE POWERS**
Contributor

Monday, September 14, 2009:
Singer Sir Elton John's request to adopt a 14-month-old HIV-positive Ukrainian boy was denied by the Ukrainian government. According to Ukrainian law potential adoptive parents must not be over the age of 45 and must be married. Although John and his partner, David Furnish, celebrated one of England's first civil unions the Ukraine does not recognize it as a marriage. Also, John's age is a stumbling block: the singer is 62. While it is admirable that the Ukraine refuses to bend its laws for anyone, even an internationally famous celebrity, it is lamentable that the boy, Lev, will not receive the top-grade medical care that would be available to him if he was adopted by John.

SPORTS

Mark Sanchez breathes new life to Jets

By **CRAIG FORSYTHE**
Contributor

On Sunday September 13, Sanchez showed New York Jets fans why he was chosen 5th overall in last year's draft. Not only did the rookie rack up 272 passing yards while completing 18 of 31 pass attempts, Sanchez showed confidence while passing. Using much agility and grace, the former USC starting quarterback was able to create time and space for himself while being in or out of the pocket. With help from his offensive line Sanchez wasn't sacked a single time by the Houston Texans defense. He was constantly throwing to different receivers, keeping the Texans defense guessing who would get the ball next. Both Dustin Keller and Leon Washington were on the receiving end of 4 passes while Jericho Cotchery caught 6. Chansi Stuckey caught 4 passes as well, one of them being a 30 yard touchdown pass. The only downfall to Sanchez's performance all day was his lone interception picked by Texans strong safety John Busing. Busing then fumbled after contact from Dustin Keller only to have his teammate Dominique Barber pick up the ball and return it 48 yards for a touchdown. For his first game in the NFL, Sanchez gave Jets fans a glimpse of hope for this upcoming season.

With one game down and 15 more to go this season, Sanchez will need to produce similar outcomes to this week's game (if not do better) to help the Jets reach the playoffs. That being said, the Jets playoff hopes are not the only pressure bearing down on Mark Sanchez. Being considered a product of USC's system, the New York media and the Jets super bowl drought are other things that Sanchez will have to overcome if he wants to be successful in New York. Sanchez has stayed calm and collected so far but how long can he last if things start going south in the Meadowlands?

In his senior year at USC (2008), Sanchez started and compiled a record of 12-1 while earning the recognition of the 2nd best quarterback coming out of college behind the Detroit Lions' Matthew Stafford. Despite great success in college, some feel Sanchez is only a product of the system. Pete Carroll (USC's head coach) has had only 3 other starting quarterbacks in his time at the University of Southern California: Carson Palmer, Matt Leinart, and John David Booty. Palmer has had the most success in the NFL leading the Cincinnati Bengals to the playoffs a couple years back and setting several franchise records. On the other hand, Leinart has had two season-ending injuries and was beaten out by an aging veteran for the starting job in Arizona. John David Booty didn't

see the field his rookie season and was barely even mentioned for the starting job this offseason in Minnesota ultimately being waived by the Vikings only to sign with their practice squad. With prior results as evidence to the questioning of quarterback talent coming out of USC, Sanchez will attempt to prove he is successful in any system and not just Carroll's.

Another hurdle Sanchez will need to jump in his run to become a Super Bowl Champion is the New York media. The city that often questions athletes "What have you done for me lately?", has seen the likes of star players Chad Pennington, Scott Gomez(NHL), and Stephon Marbury(NBA) all leave within the last 2 years due to constant pressure and criticism of the Big Apple media. Chad Pennington was the previous starter for the Jets who left to play for the Miami Dolphins and ironically led the Dolphins to the playoffs while knocking out the Jets and a depleting Brett Favre in the final game of last year's regular season. Sanchez may have already put himself in an unfavorable position with the New York Media by signing a 5 year 50 million dollar contract (28 million guaranteed) and doing a photo shoot for GQ magazine.

With everything in consideration, if Sanchez comes out focused every week and plays like he did against Houston, Jets fans can enjoy watching a franchise quarterback week in and week out. Something one could argue hasn't happened since Joe Namath.

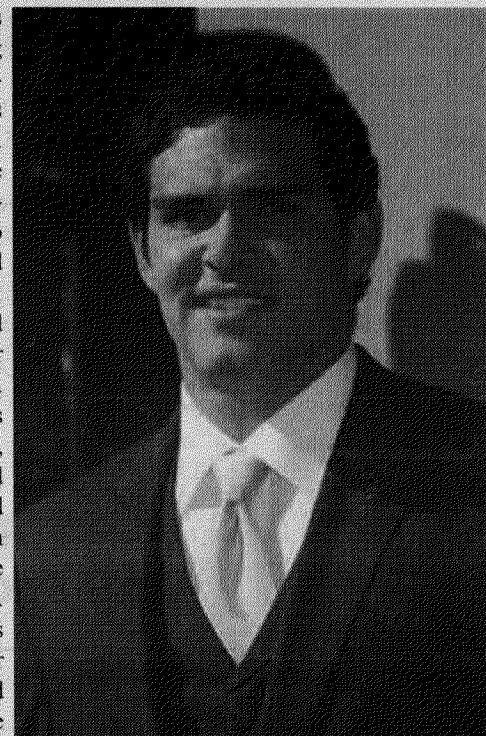


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U.S. Open tournament shocks fans

By **BRIAN KILLEEN**
Staff Writer

The U.S. Open is often seen as a place where the unknown are turned into champions. This year was no different as many very low ranked players made it far into the competition, causing huge upsets.

One of the biggest surprises of Grand Slam tournament was the American seventeen year old Melanie Oudin reaching the quarterfinals after defeating three high ranked Russian players: Elena Dementieva (ranked 4th in the world), Maria Sharapova (ranked 29th in the world) and Nadia Petrova (ranked 13th in the world). This was a huge upset that very few had seen coming, and she became the first player to reach the quarterfinals at such a young age since Serena Williams in 1999. She was easily defeated by Caroline Wozniacki of Denmark with quick 6-2, 6-2 sets. Entering into the U.S. Open, Oudin was ranked 70th. She is now ranked 46th.

Roger Federer was the favorite to win the U.S. Open in the Men's division (being ranked 1st in the world) but was taken down after five sets by Juan Martin del Potro. The sixth ranked Argentinian player beat Federer in 3-6, 7-6(5), 4-6, 7-6(4), 6-2 sets. This was the first time del Potro beat Federer after six previous losses to him, and also ended Federer's streak of 40 consecutive wins at the U.S. open. Towards the end of the match,

Federer complained to umpire Jake Garner, telling him "Don't tell me when to be quiet, okay? When I want to talk, I'll talk." He's been fined \$1,500 for the outburst.

That wasn't the only outburst that took place at the U.S. Open. Serena Williams (ranked 2nd in the world), was thought to be unbeatable in this year's tournament, but lost to Kim Clijsters (ranked 19th in the world) after a foot placement foul and another foul for insulting an umpire. The sets were matched 6-4, 7-5. She was fined a huge sum of \$10,500, but was not suspended. Kim Clijsters went on to win the entirety of the U.S. Open.

While there was a hope among fans for a Nadal vs. Federer finals, it became clear that Nadal's injury of tendinitis - the same injury that forced him to pull out of Wimbledon - would not allow him to reach the end of the tournament. He was beaten in the semi-finals by Juan Martin del Potro, which in part opened the doors for him to take the win at this tournament for the men's singles division.

Who knows what is to come of future Grand Slam tournaments? Melanie Oudin may move on to win one of her first. Many believe Federer will be dethroned by Nadal as the greatest tennis player in the history of the game, and some believe Juan Martin del Potro will continue his streak of greatness. The game of tennis has always been full of surprises, and it doesn't seem to be stopping any time soon.

SPORTS

Final inning upon us for American East

By CANDACE POWERS
Contributor



With only seventeen days of regular season play left, it stands to reason that the American League East standings will not shift dramatically. The Boston Red Sox trail the New York Yankees, the league leaders, by seven games. Behind the Red Sox are the Tampa Bay Rays, twenty games out of first and tagging not so close behind the Rays are the Toronto Blue Jays, twenty-seven and a half games behind the Yankees. Bringing up the rear are the Baltimore Orioles, thirty-three and a half games out.

If the Yankees clinch the League, it will be their fortieth pennant. However, September 25 through the 27 the Yankees and Red Sox play each other at Yankee Stadium. This series has the potential to be the deciding factor in the race for the pennant although it depends on how far the Yankees are able to stretch their lead as they play the Mariners and the Angels before their home-stand against the Sox. The rivalry between the

Yankees and Red Sox is well-documented and well-known, even to baseball neophytes. With the two biggest East Coast market teams vying for the pennant the three game series will be the one to watch, especially for those who think baseball lacks excitement.

While the league championship is important, in the long run the goal is obviously a World Series win and notwithstanding who wins the pennant, it is likely that both the Yankees and the Sox will be in the playoffs. The pennant race loser will become the wild card and the biggest rivals in sports will face each other again in the playoffs. The next few weeks are the most entertaining time of the year for baseball fans as scores are settled and the best teams of the season start to face each other head to head. No matter who your team is, all baseball fans can agree that early October is like Christmas come early.

Defense is key for Big Blue

By ERIC ELIE
Contributor



Going into the season, the Giants defense had high expectations and so far the Giants have met and surpassed them. On Sunday, September 13th, the Giants put on a show on the last Season opener. Giants Stadium will have on the part of the defense. Mario Mannigham had his moment with a 30 yard touch-down pass with 25 yards after the catch but Osi Umenyiora and Justin Tuck stole the show. When Eli Manning threw a pick and left the Redskins with only 11 yards to the end zone, then the Giants defense went on the field with a purpose and show. On first down Justin Tuck, exploded through the line almost untouched to get Clinton Portis with a six yard loss. Then on third and six Justin Tuck yet again, got through and sacked the quarter back, forcing a field goal. Though the greatest play came from Osi and showed all

the skeptical fans out there that he was back and in full form.

Osi Umenyiora came around the outside of the line with the team leading 10-0 and stripped the ball from Jason Campbell and returned the ball himself for a 30 yard touch-down. The Giants went on to win this game 23-17, with the Giants defense scoring as many touchdowns as the offense. In the end, the Giants are back.

Garcia, To The Rescue

By AMANDA WILLIGMANN
Staff Writer

Jeff Garcia signed a year long contract with the Eagles once again on Monday, September 14th as backup quarterback since Donovan McNabb was injured. 39 year old Garcia was a part of the Eagles' offense in 2006 while McNabb was nursing a torn ACL. On his radio show, Eagles coach Andy Reid expressed how grateful he was for Garcia's availability. "He's someone who knows this offense and has been very successful with this offense." Reid also mentioned that he was not sure if Garcia would be playing in the upcoming game since McNabb has been quite accident prone in the past, once playing an entire game with a broken ankle. The insurance of Garcia, however, was necessary.

McNabb suffered a cracked rib during the Eagles' season opener against the Carolina Panthers on Sunday, September 13th. After McNabb dodged a defender going for the touchdown, he was then hit by the Panthers' nose tackle after he had already crossed the end zone. Dr. Franklin Lowe, medical analyst of FoxSports.com discussed McNabb on the Injury Report. "I think the more time he takes off, the better. It's probably going to be 3 or 4 weeks until he is out of the significant amount of pain he's in now. You never know with rib fractures."

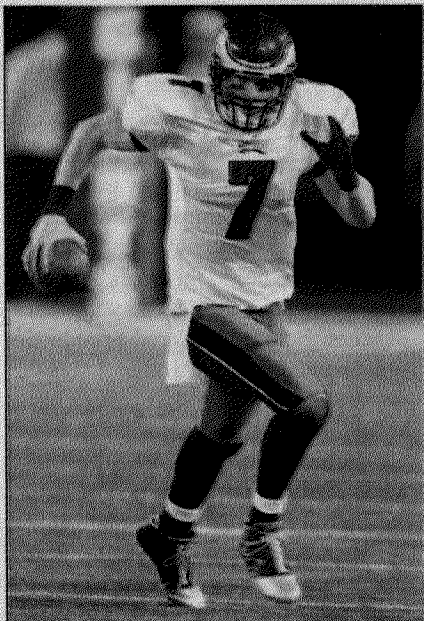


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who was signed by the Oakland Raiders then let go in early September due to lack of playing time during preseason. He led the Eagles to the playoffs in 2006 but was not resigned after the season. Garcia told ESPN, "I didn't want it to be over. I feel there's a lot of quality football left in me."

Comments from fans on BleedingGreenNation.com, an unofficial Eagles blog, collectively express excitement about the signing of Garcia. He has proven himself previously as an outstanding quarterback. Fans are anticipating his talent to throw touchdowns and lead the birds to victory, at least until McNabb is healed.

Garcia is a ten year veteran

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Fall Sports Schedule

Mens Soccer W/L/T 4-3-1	Upcoming Game Away: Eastern 9/26 1:00 P.M.
Womens Soccer W/L/T 6-0-2	Upcoming Game Away: Delaware Valley 9/30 4:00 P.M.
Womens Tennis W/L 6-0	Upcoming Game Home: Gwynedd-Mercy 9/28 3:30 P.M
Womens Field Hockey W/L 2-3	Upcoming Game Away: DeSales 9/29 4:30 P.M
Womens Volleyball W/L 6-5	Upcoming Game Away: Rosemont 9/26 12:00 P.M